

## II. Amendments to the Claims

### In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) ~~A drill string~~ An elongated tubular member having a first end, a second end, an outer surface, and an inner surface for use in a wellbore operation comprising:  
  
~~an elongated tubular member having a first end, a second end, an outer surface, and an inner surface;~~  
  
an aperture ~~radially~~ formed through said tubular member thereby providing communication between said outer surface and said inner surface; and  
  
a line cutting apparatus within said elongated tubular member.
2. (currently amended) The ~~drill string~~ elongated tubular member of claim 1 further comprising a line disposed through said aperture.
3. (currently amended) The ~~drill string~~ elongated tubular member of claim 1 further comprising a slip in securing contact with said line.
4. (currently amended) The ~~drill string~~ elongated tubular member of claim 1 wherein said line cutter is selected from the group consisting of a hydraulically actuated line cutter, a mechanically actuated cutter, and an electrically actuated cutter.
5. (currently amended) A line cutting assembly for cutting a line comprising:  
  
an elongated housing having an outer surface and an inner surface;  
  
~~a rod disposed in said housing;~~  
  
a first piston ~~slideably attached to said rod~~ within the housing and;

a cutting surface actuated by said first piston moveable into cutting contact with the line.

~~a cutting blade fixed on said rod wherein axial displacement of said first piston along said rod urges said cutting blade toward the inner surface of said housing.~~

6. (currently amended) The ~~line~~ cutting assembly of claim 5 further comprising a second piston slideably attached to said ~~rod~~ first piston.
7. (currently amended) The ~~line~~ cutting assembly of claim 6 further comprising a gap formable between said first piston and said second piston, said gap when formed capable of providing a fluid flow passage between said first piston and said second piston.
8. (currently amended) The ~~line~~ cutting assembly of claim 5 20 further comprising a shoulder disposed on said rod.
9. (currently amended) The ~~line~~ cutting assembly of claim 8, wherein said first and second piston are capable of slideably traveling along said rod proximate to one another and are separable upon contact with said shoulder.
10. (currently amended) The ~~line~~ cutting assembly of claim 5 20, said rod comprises a first section and a second section, wherein the diameter of said second section is greater than the diameter of said first section thereby providing the capability of increasing the differential pressure across said first piston as the first piston passes from said first section to said second section.
11. (currently amended) The ~~line~~ cutting assembly of claim 5 further comprising a line disposed within said line cutting assembly.
12. (currently amended) The ~~line~~ cutting assembly of claim 11 further comprising a slip in securing contact with said line.

13. (currently amended) The ~~line~~ cutting assembly of claim 5 further comprising a fishing neck.
14. (currently amended) The ~~line~~ cutting assembly of claim 5 further comprising a hanging plate.
15. (currently amended) The ~~line~~ cutting assembly of claim 5 further comprising an aperture radially formed through said elongated housing thereby providing communication between said outer surface and said inner surface.
16. (currently amended) The ~~line~~ cutting assembly of claim 5, wherein said ~~line~~ cutting assembly is disposed within a pipe string.
17. (currently amended) A method of performing wellbore operations comprising:
  - ~~inserting a drill string within a wellbore;~~
  - ~~connecting a downhole tool to a drill string;~~
  - ~~connecting a wireline to the downhole tool and threading it through the drill string;~~
  - ~~integrating~~ connecting a side entry sub to a ~~section of the drill string~~ tubular member, wherein said side entry sub comprises a housing having a first end, a second end, an outer surface, an inner surface, and an aperture radially formed through said tubular member thereby providing communication between said outer surface and said inner surface;
  - threading a line through the side entry sub;
  - threading the line through the tubular member; and
  - ~~threading the wireline through said aperture; and~~
  - providing a cutting assembly ~~within~~ with said ~~drill string~~ tubular member proximate to said side entry sub, where said cutting assembly comprises a first piston, and a cutting surface actuated by said first piston moveable into cutting contact with the line ~~a rod, a first piston slideably attached to said rod, and a cutting blade fixed on said rod wherein axial~~

~~displacement of said first piston along said rod urges said cutting blade toward the surface of said housing proximate to the wireline.~~

18. (currently amended) The method of performing wellbore operations of claim 17 further comprising activating said cutting assembly thereby severing the line ~~wireline~~.
19. (currently amended) The method of performing wellbore operations of claim 18 further comprising removing said cutting assembly from the wellbore.
20. (New) The elongated tubular member of claim 5 further comprising a rod disposed in said housing.
21. (New) The method of performing wellbore operations of claim 17 further comprising inserting a drill string within the wellbore and connecting the side entry sub to the drill string.
22. (New) The method of performing wellbore operations of claim 17 further comprising connecting a downhole tool to the drill string, and connecting the line to the downhole tool.
23. (New) The method of performing wellbore operations of claim 17 wherein said side entry sub comprises a housing having a first end, a second end, an outer surface, an inner surface, and an aperture radially formed through said tubular member thereby providing communication between said outer surface and said inner surface, said method further comprising threading the line through said aperture.
24. (New) The method of performing wellbore operations of claim 17 wherein said cutting assembly further comprises a second piston slideably attached to said first piston.
25. (New) The method of performing wellbore operations of claim 17 wherein said cutting assembly further comprises a rod disposed in said housing.

26. (New) The method of performing wellbore operations of claim 24 wherein said cutting assembly further comprises a gap formable between said first piston and said second piston, said gap when formed capable of providing a fluid flow passage between said first piston and said second piston.